GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1909
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DERAILMENT OF VARANASI-RANCHI INTERCITY EXPRESS
Murmu Shri Hemlal

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways are aware of incident of derailment of Varanasi-Ranchi Intercity Express as reported in the `Dainik Jagran` dated November 12, 2007;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith loss of lives and properties therein;

(c) the reasons for cause of the said incidents;

(d) the compensation/ex-gratia payment and other relief measures provided to the victims; and

(e) the details of inquiry ordered into the said incident, its findings and the action taken against the officials/persons found guilty?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It was on 10.11.2007 that 8612 Dn. Varanasi-Ranchi Intercity Express derailed between Richughuta-Chetar stations of Barwadih-Barkakana Section of Dhanbad division, East Central Railway. There was no loss of life in this accident. The loss of properties on account of this accident was Rs.23,50,350/-.

(c) Prima facie cause of this accident is sabotage.

(d) There being no loss of life or injuries, the question of payment of compensation/ ex-gratia and other relief measures does not arise.

(e) A Departmental inquiry committee has been ordered to inquire into this accident. The inquiry report of the committee is awaited.